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In re Application of  
Atsushi Tanaka et al.  
Application No. 09/526,463  
Filed: March 16, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 862.C1861

LETTER

This is in response to the request for clarification filed September 25, 2002.

The instant application was filed March 16, 2000 claiming priority to Japanese application no 11-076862. The oath or declaration submitted upon filing was unexecuted. Subsequently on July 17, 2000 an executed declaration was submitted.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 was filed April 30, 2002 to vacate the claim filed July 17, 2000 in lieu of a correct claim of priority to Japanese application no. 11-076861. That petition was dismissed as moot in a decision mailed August 27, 2002 in that no petition was necessary since the petitioner had submitted a substitute declaration correctly identifying the Japanese application for which priority is claimed and a the claim for priority.

In view of the above, a corrected filing receipt is included herein. Application no. 09/526,463 correctly claims priority to Japanese application no. 11-076861 filed March 19, 1999 as so reflected on the corrected filing receipt.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2673 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (703) 305-4497.

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Attachment: Corrected Filing Receipt